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In re Application of  
Petrovic, et al.  
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed February 17, 2004.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is granted.

On March 14, 2002, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" (the "Notice") was mailed by the Office allowing a two -month period for reply. Extension of time were available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). The Notice required an executed oath or declaration, \$65.00 surcharge, and the filing fee for the application. An extension of time within the second month was obtained and amounts earmarked for the filing fee and surcharge were filed; they were insufficient, however. No further responses were received within the allowable period and the application became abandoned on July 15, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 22, 2003.

Deposit account 14-0112 will be charged \$25.00 for the remaining portion of the surcharge due because of the late filing of the oath or declaration and late payment of the filing fee.

The executed declaration filed July 22, 2002, is noted and made of record.

The power of attorney filed November 12, 2003, is noted and made of record.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0010.

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